Journey with the 'Living Christ'

By WILLIAM L. TRIMYER
A Journey With The Living Christ
Lesson for April 26, 1981
Bible Study Passage: Matthew 28:11-20
Introduction

After Calvary, what next? After the death of a loved one, what next? After the end of a nightmarish experience, what next? After the end of a long struggle, what next? At the end of winter, what next?

The disciples may have wondered what was in store for them now that Jesus was gone. We, too, may wonder what lies ahead for us after going through some painful experience. How can we possibly move ahead in life when we have taken three steps backward? Whom do we follow when our vision has been blurred and our pathway confused?

The Bible and Daily Living

The disciples were faced with the dilemna of what to do next. Their questions were answered when they encountered the risen, living Christ!
Covering Sinful Tracks [Matthew 28:11-15]

When the chief priests received word of what took place at the tomb of Jesus, they immediately sought to squash any talk that Jesus was actually resurrected. They offered the guards some money to pass along a lie about what they had seen and heard at the tomb. The guards were instructed to tell anyone who asked about the disappearance of Jesus' body that his disciples came during the night and stole it. Such a lie would hopefully erase notions that Jesus was really resurrected from the dead.

Covering tracks is a game we humans often play. Rather than own up to our sinful actions, we may tend to gloss over or cover them in order to save face.

When my family visited my grandfather on his farm in North Carolina some years back, he would always jokingly say to his grandchildren, "Before you leave, be sure and go around and scoop up all your tracks!" Truthfully, there is no way to "scoop up our tracks" without leaving others. Sin is like quicksand, the harder you try to get out the deeper you sink.

Jesus Appears To The Eleven [Matthew 28:16-18]

One can only imagine what the disciples must have felt when they met the risen Lord face to face. For some their faith was confirmed and for others their doubts were raised. The notion of resurrection is almost too unbelievable to be true; yet it was God's display of positive strength over the negative force of death and evil.

The disciples now faced a King with unlimited power and authority on earth and in heaven. The resurrection confirmed both Christ' power and his authority.

Today we look for signs of his appearing. Some persons become preoccupied with the second appearance of Christ. We may, however, look around us and see the many ways that Christ appears to his modern followers. In the common everyday experiences we may, in fact, encounter him face to face in nature and in the needs of the broken and bruised.
Proclaiming The Living Christ [Matthew 28:19-20]

To be commissioned is to be entrusted with something of great value. The early church was given the commission to proclaim the Good News of Christ and to encourage all people to observe the commandments of Christ.

To all disciples the commission is given to bear witness to Christ in all areas. All modern disciples are to present Christ through their vocations and uniqueness as persons.

The movie Star Wars contains a great many symbolic resemblances to the cosmic and earthly struggle between good and evil. Luke Skywalker is assured that THE FORCE would be with him in his battle against Darth Vader. The movied ends with a celebration and crowning of the ones who faced the evil force and won.

In a similar spirit, Christ promises his followers that wherever they go to proclaim the Good News, THE FORCE will be with them to the very end. The tasks of proclamation and ministry are the responsibility of all followers of Christ. And we have been assured that his "force" will be in us and with us throughout our journey, even down to the finish line.

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THE EASTER BUNNY made an early appearance at the Appomattox Primary School on Friday, April 17, 1981. Miss English's classroom presented the play "An Easter Surprise". The cast included: Narrator. Beanv Lockner; Susan, Sheila Walthalle; Mary Jo, Sheila Wells; Mother, Cynthia Harris; Easter Bunny, Steven Lann; Happy Bunny, Sandy Rogers; Cottontail Bunny, Margaret Kelso; Long Ears Bunny, Matthew Marshall; Baffy Bunny, Virginia Henson; Father, Rusty Jennings; and the Super Eggs were Stacey Wells, Jerome Hubbard, Robert Kraatz, Stacey Cyrus, and Richie McCoy. Their performance would have pleased the Easter Bunny! Special thanks goes to Ms. Georgia Miller, Joan Carter, and Betsy Keaton.

Tractor winners cited

Kerry Harding, a member of Amelia County High School FFA Chapter, placed first in the annual Southside Area Tractor Operating Contest at Appomattox, April 14. David Weston, Randolph-Henry High School, was runner-up.

The winning contestant will represent the 14-county Southside Area in the state finals at Virginia Tech in June. The area contest was directed by J. W. Morgan, instructor of agricultural education in the Appomattox County High School.

Church workshop slated

A Vacation Church School Workshop sponsored by the Lynchburg District of the United Methodist Church will be held Tuesday night, April 28, 7:30 to 9:30, at Park View United Methodist Church, Lynchburg.

Planned for workers with nursery through elementary-age children, the workshop is designed to help teachers better understand the content of units to be taught, become acquainted with curriculum resources, and receive training in teaching techniques.

Groups, topics, and leaders are as follows: Nursery-Kindergarten-"God Loves Me" and "God Cares" - Betty Ferrell; Younger Elementary-"The Bible Helps Us Know God" - Susan Hill; Middle Elementary-"Bible Lands and Times" - Carlos McCraw; Older Elementary-"Paul, Courageous for Christ" - Fred Fauber; Day Camping and Other Summer Activities-the Rev. Stephen Hassmer.

Park View Church is located on Memorial Avenue at Wadsworth Street in Lynchburg. The workshop is open the the public without charge.

Visitor entranced with Appomattox

Editor:

I am truly entranced with your town! It is so rare that one savors the small-town, real American atmosphere that exists in Appomattox, and your people should be proud. I have only been in your town once before and, even then, was compelled to write to your paper about my heartening experience during the week end of Dr. Armentrout's license plate convention at the local high school. Two week ends ago, I was passing through Appomattox on my way from Richmond to Roanoke and we decided to stop over, have dinner, and take in "Annie Get Your Gun" at that same school. I was particularly excited when learning of the production because I myself portrayed one of the Indian maidens when the show opened on Broadway "many moons ago." Well, I was charmed and delighted by the performances and would like to thank all involved for a nostalgic, entertaining evening. You should be proud of your youth and anyone who would take such time to lead them. I understand that a little theatre group may produce a play in your train station this summer and I'm already looking forward to attending and bringing my friends from Richmond. I'm also looking forward to the next convention of license plate collectors at your school. Appomattox is a most gracious town, a rare gem in this age of glitter and ostentatiousness.

Sincerely,
Mrs. R. S. Stewart
Charleston, S. C.

Litter goals put forth

Letter To The Editor:

At a meeting held on April 14, 1981 at 7:30 p.m. in Memorial United Methodist Church, the Appomattox County Litter Control Council finalized plans for the annual Appomattox County Spring Clean-up Campaign during the week of May 2-9, 1981.

As in past years, many organizations and individuals are planning programs and projects in support of this mammouth clean-up effort. The council is grateful for all of the help and support that it is receiving from the many concerned organizations and individuals, however, there was one point that the entire council was in full agreement on when plans were being formulated for this years clean-up drive. This is the fact that there are still a great many people in our beautiful county who haven't been reached by all of our past efforts. This is evidenced by the fact that on almost every highway and byway in the county unsightly litter can still be found.

If this and future clean-up campaings are to be successful, we will need the support and cooperation of all of our citizens. It is very disheartening for someone to spend many hours picking up cans, bottles and other debris along a piece of roadway, just to find that in a few weeks time that the same piece of roadway is littered again and doesn't look any better than it did before.

A tremendous effort is being made in our schools to educate our wonderful young people about the harmful and costly effects of unsightly litter but we have a lot of litter bugs who don't get to school. We all have a job to do in educating these people so that they won't continue to spoil the beauty of Appomattox County by carelessly disposing of their cans, bottles, cups, food containers, cigarette packages, and all of the thousands of other things that are tossed along our highways.

We can grab a sack and bend 'our backs, but it is going to take a lot of education to get us on the right track.

The Appomattox County Litter Control Council wants to say "Thank You" for your help and support of this years clean-up campaign.

Bill Britton, Chairman
Appomattox County Litter Control Council

USING PARENTS AS ROLE-PLAYING MODELS, Miss Chittum, (pictured to left), shares a kindergarten activity at the PTA Coffee on April 16, 1981. The tuning fork used in an experiment and held to the child's ear, encourages attentive listening and the understanding of sound vibrations.
Parents were invited to participate in six role-playing groups while kindergarten teachers shared the value of constructive thinking skills. High levels of learning are accomplished in the kindergarten curriculum when there is an opportunity for sharing among peers and expressing oneself in two-way communications. Discussion between parents and teachers followed the filmstrip "Living and Learning in Kindergarten". Parents of 1981-1982 kindergarteners will receive a letter in August, from the school, reviewing guidelines for the child's first school day.

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County Crusade to begin Sunday

The Appomattox County Areawide Crusade will begin on Sunday night, April 26 at 7:30 and continue through May 1.

Meeting in the Appomattox County High School auditorium, the services will feature gospel preaching and singing each evening.

The Rev. Vander Warner, Jr. evangelist, pastor of Grove Avenue Baptist Church, Richmond will be bringing the message each evening.

Song leader for the series of services will be William Robert Souther, Minister of Music and Education at the Grove Baptist Church, Richmond.

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Social News

Rita L. Reynolds of Louise Obice Nursing School in Suffolk visited her family, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil A. Reynolds and Gina over the Easter week end. David Salmon of Suffolk was also a guest in the Reynolds home.

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Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fraley spent the Easter week end visiting their families at Narrows and Blacksburg.

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Coni O'Brien and Ben Kierney of Richmond spent the Easter week end in the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Noble.

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Mrs. Rachel F. Lawson has returned from Akron, Ohio where she visited her cousin, Mrs. Mary Lizzie Paris Runner in the home of Mrs. Runner's daughter-in-law, Mrs. Jack Runner.

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While there Mrs. Runner's daughter, Mrs. Irma E. Sammetinger, 55, died on April 9 after an extended illness. Mrs. Runner, Mrs. Lawson and others motored to Wapakoneta, Ohio to attend the funeral services on April 12.

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Mrs. Runner will celebrate her 95th birthday on December 17 of this year. She was born and reared in Appomattox and served for many years as legal secretary for her cousin, the late Senator Samuel L. Ferguson. She has many friends and relatives now living here and enjoyed talking with Mrs. Lawson about each one. Her address is: Mrs. G. A. Runner, 2481 Delta Drive, Uniontown, Ohio 44685.

KRISTY GENELLE PAGE, 4-year-old daughter of David and Charlotte Page of Pamplin was crowned Tiny Tot May Queen at Brookville High School on April 15. She was awarded a trophy, blue ribbon and a giant Easter bunny. Kristy attends Appomattox Child Care Center and is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Baldwin of Pamplin and Mr. and Mrs. George B. Page of Appomattox.|Photo by Allen Austin|

THE APPOMATTOX JUNIOR Woman's Club has recently donated $100.00 to the 4-H Educational Center at Holiday Lake. Shown above are Linda Mays, Education Chairman for the Jr. Woman's Club, and Shirley Walton, Extention Agent, exchanging the check.

Garden club slates meeting

The Appomattox Garden Club will meet April 27 at 7:30 p.m. in St. Anne's Episcopal Church.

Guest speaker for the evening will be Mr. Francis Carr of Richmond, who will speak on the "Rooting and Culture of Azaleas and Camellias". All members will want to be present.

District meeting will be April 25 at Westminister Presbyterian Church in Lynchburg. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m.

Following the business meeting and luncheon, the group will attend the Flower Show at the Garden Center in Miller Park sponsored by the Lynchburg Council of Garden Clubs.

The South Central District of Nationally Accredited Flower Show Judges' Spring meeting will be open to all those with interest in flowers and arranging. A coffee will be held beginning at 10:30, and the meeting will begin at 11:00 in the Community Room at River Ridge Mall. Mrs. Earl Dunnington of Richmond will present a program entitled "Arranging is Fun."

Miss Meadows honored

Miss Darlene Wanda Meadows, whose marriage to G. Daniel Stratton will take place in May, was honored Thursday evening with a bridal shower.

Mrs. Debbie M. Maddox, Mrs. Sharon P. Lester and Mrs. Barbie P. Sutton served as co-hostesses for a tupperware shower in the home of Mrs. Maddox, Lynchburg.

The marriage of Miss Meadows, daughter of Mrs. Carolyn Meadows and Ramsey Meadows of Lynchburg, to Mr. Stratton, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Marshall Stratton of Concord, will take place at 7:00 o'clock the evening of May 16 in Flat Creek Baptist Church, Lynchburg.

Although no invitations are being issued, firends and relatives are invited to attend.

Miss Harris honored

Miss Sherri O'Neil Harris, whose marriage to Mr. Robert Kendell Godsey will be an event of April 25 was honored Thursday, April 2, with a lingerie shower given by Mrs. Karen Roach and Miss Kristi Godsey, sisters of the bridegroom, at the Roach home.

On Tuesday, April 7, the bride-elect was honored with a bridal shower at the home of Mrs. Rose Bowman, 107 Tacos Street, Lynchburg. The shower was given by Mrs. Rose Bowman, Mrs. Vicki Lewis, Mrs. Kathy Middleton and Mrs. Kathryn Hartless, co-workers of the bride to be, which are employed at Aerofin Corporation. The guest included were other employees of Aerofin, Mrs. Wanda Tweedy and Mrs. Sara Harris, mother of the bride.

On Sunday, April 12, Miss Harris was honored with a "Floating Bridal Shower" given by Mrs. Julie Stratton, Mrs. Wanda Tweedy, Miss Traci Moore, Miss Kym Midkiff and Mrs. Mary F. Moore at the home of Mrs. Moore. Those attending were Mrs. Sara Harris, mother of the bride, Mrs. Marian Greenwell, mother of the bridegroom, Mrs. Ruby Harris, grandmother of the bride and many other relatives and friends.

Miss Harris is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Harris of Appomattox.

Mr. Godsey is the son of Mrs. Marian Greenwell of Brookneal, Va. and Mr. R. O. Godsey, Jr. of Middletown, Pa.

Youth rallies planned

Youth rallies featuring the musical group "Sonrise" will be held in the auditoriums of Randolph-Henry High School and Appomattox County High School this Friday and Saturday night.

The group will appear from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Friday night in the auditorium at Charlotte County's Randolph-Henry High School, and from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday night in the auditorium of Appomattox County High School.

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Miss Wood marries Mr. Smith

Attendents for the wedding were Annette Wood of Madison Heights, maid of honor for her sister and Mr. Warren A. Trent of Appomattox, best man for his stepson. Ushers were Robert G. Smith of Lynchburg, brother of the bridegroom, and David Gregory Oliver of Norfolk, Va.

The marriage of Audrey Lynn Wood to Jack William Smith took place Saturday evening, April 18, at 7:30 in Madison Heights United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Wayne Lanham, Lynchburg General-Marshall Lodge Hospital's chaplin, officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Wood of Madison Heights. The bridegroom is the son of Mrs. Warren A. Trent of Appomattox and Mr. Jack N. Smith of Towson, Md.

The bride was given in marriage by her father.

The bride is a graduate of Amherst County High School and Lynchburg General Marshall Lodge Hospital's School of Nursing. She was employed by the hospital as a registered nurse.

The bridegroom was graduated from Appomattox County High School and the University of Virginia where he received his B.A. degree in English. He is presently employed with Servicemaster as an assistant manager at Duke University Hospital in Durham, N. C.

The couple will reside in Durham, N. C. after a short wedding trip to Virginia Beach.

Oakville club hears Jim Smith

The Oakville Home and Garden Club met at the school April 14 at 1:30 with 17 members present.

Mr. James A. Smith, County Agent presented a program on "Gardening".

Two new members joined the club.

Hostess for the meeting were Mrs. Beverly Bowman, Jessalyn Burcher, Rebecca Covington, and Pat Davis.

The next meeting will be held May 12 at 7:30 at the Oakville School. We will have a program on flowers.

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